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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the following list, which is submitted to replace all prior listings of claims.

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1. (Currently amended): A surgical device, comprising:

~~a hollow an elongated shaft having a distal end first coupling; and;~~

~~at least a first rotatable drive shaft disposed in the hollow shaft and extending longitudinally through the hollow shaft to the distal end of the hollow shaft and a surgical instrument having a second coupling, the second coupling being complimentary to and configured to couple with the first coupling; and~~

~~a first surgical instrument configured to be detachably coupled to the drive shaft and the distal end of the hollow shaft,~~

wherein the hollow elongated shaft is configured to be inserted into a body via a first orifice and the first surgical instrument is configured to be inserted into the body via a second orifice; and

wherein the hollow elongated shaft and drive shaft are ~~is~~ configured to be coupled with the first surgical instrument via the first coupling and the second coupling after the hollow elongated shaft is inserted into the body via the first orifice and after the first surgical instrument is inserted into the body via the second orifice.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended): The surgical device according to claim 1, wherein the first surgical instrument includes a surgical stapler instrument.
7. (Currently amended): The surgical device according to claim 1, wherein the first surgical instrument includes a surgical stapler and cutter ~~stapler/cutter~~ instrument.
8. (Currently amended): The surgical device according to claim 1, wherein the first surgical instrument includes an anastomosis instrument.
9. (Currently amended): The surgical device according to claim 1, wherein the hollow flexible shaft and the first surgical instrument coupled to the hollow flexible shaft are configured to be withdrawn from the body via the first orifice.
10. (Currently amended): The surgical device according to claim 1, wherein the first surgical instrument includes at least one movable element, the flexible shaft including ~~at least one~~ said rotatable drive shaft being configured to effect movement of the at least one movable element.
11. (Currently Amended) The surgical device according to claim 10, wherein the

elongated shaft includes a first coupling at the distal end and the first surgical instrument includes a second coupling for coupling with the first coupling of the elongated shaft and wherein the first coupling and the second coupling are configured to couple the at least one movable element and the at least one with the rotatable drive shaft.

12. (Original): The surgical device according to claim 10, ~~further~~ comprising an electro-mechanical driver device configured to drive the ~~at least one~~ rotatable drive shaft.
13. (Original): The surgical device according to claim 12, wherein the electro-mechanical driver device includes a motor system configured to drive the ~~at least one~~ drive shaft.
14. (Currently amended): The surgical device according to claim 1, comprising at least a second rotatable drive shaft in the hollow shaft and wherein the first surgical instrument includes a first movable element and a second movable element, ~~the flexible shaft including a and wherein the~~ first rotatable drive shaft is configured to effect movement of the first movable element and a the second rotatable drive shaft is configured to effect movement of the second movable element.
15. (Currently Amended) The surgical device according to claim 14, wherein the elongated shaft includes a first coupling at the distal end and the first surgical instrument includes a second coupling for coupling with the first coupling of the elongated shaft and wherein the first coupling and the second coupling are configured to couple the second movable element and with the second

rotatable drive shaft.

16. (Currently amended): The surgical device according to claim 1415, further comprising an electro-mechanical driver device configured to drive the first rotatable drive shaft and the second rotatable drive shaft.
17. (Original): The surgical device according to claim 16, wherein the electro-mechanical driver device includes a motor system configured to drive the first rotatable drive shaft and the second rotatable drive shaft.
18. (Original): The surgical device according to claim 17, wherein the motor system includes a first motor configured to drive the first rotatable drive shaft and a second motor configured to drive the second rotatable drive shaft.
19. (Currently amended): The surgical device according to claim 1, wherein the hollow flexible shaft includes a steering device configured to steer the a distal end of the hollow elongated shaft.
20. (Currently amended): A method for performing a procedure on a body, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) inserting a hollow flexible shaft having a distal end into the body via a first orifice, the hollow flexible shaft containing a drive shaft rotatably disposed therein having a first coupling;
  - (b) inserting a surgical instrument into the body via a second orifice, the surgical instrument including a second coupling complimentary to and

configured to couple with the distal end of said hollow shaft to connect the drive shaft with the surgical instrument in operable communication first coupling; and

(c) coupling the hollow flexible shaft and the surgical instrument via the first coupling and the second coupling after the inserting steps (a) and (b).

21. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 20, wherein the hollow flexible shaft and the surgical instrument are coupled in the coupling step (c) intracorporeally.
22. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 20, further comprising the step of performing a surgical procedure after the coupling step (c).
23. (Original): The method according to claim 22, wherein the surgical procedure includes a tissue stapling procedure.
24. (Original): The method according to claim 22, wherein the surgical procedure includes a tissue stapling and cutting procedure.
25. (Original): The method according to claim 22, wherein the surgical procedure includes an anastomosis procedure.
26. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 20, wherein the surgical instrument includes at least one of a surgical stapler instrument, a surgical stapler and cutter stapler/cutter instrument and an anastomosis

instrument.

27. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 20, further comprising the step of withdrawing the coupled hollow flexible shaft and surgical instrument via the first orifice.
28. (Original): The method according to claim 20, wherein the first orifice includes at least one of a natural orifice, an incision and a cannula.
29. (Original): The method according to claim 20, wherein the second orifice includes at least one of a natural orifice, an incision and a cannula.
30. (Original): The method according to claim 20, wherein each of the first orifice and the second orifice includes at least one of a natural orifice, an incision and a cannula.
31. (Original): The method according to claim 20, wherein the first orifice is different from the second orifice.
32. (New): The surgical device according to claim 1, comprising a second surgical device interchangeable with said first surgical device, said second surgical device configured for selective attachment to the distal end of the hollow shaft and drive shaft to operably couple the second surgical device to said drive shaft.